## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Ashcroft Attorney General United States Department of Justice Tenth Street and Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We are writing to thank you for your recent efforts to crackdown on the distribution of adult obscenity and pornography. We hope that you will continue to aggressively prosecute those who violate our community standards and promote violence against women and children.

We hope that the recent indictment of Robert Zicari and Janet Ramano, partners of Extreme Associates (a company that distributes obscene films) will send an important message that the U.S. government will no longer stand by while individuals flout our obscenity laws and brazenly promote material that depicts the brutal rapes and murders of women.

As you know, our nation is rife with the effects of pornography. Many American families have been impacted by this horrible medium through the consequences of adultery, divorce, sexual abuse, suicide and depression. Even worse, the previous Administration was notorious for failing to enforce our nation's obscenity laws, particularly in cases involving adult obscenity and pornography. However, history has shown that the courageous actions of your predecessor Former Attorney General Ed Meese, were effective in promoting a culture of decency and in liberating women and children from the bondage of the pornography industry. In her new book, Traci Lords: Underneath It All, former child porn actress Traci Lords is quoted as saying, "I have to thank Ed Meese for saving my life." A federal raid ended her porn career when she was 18. We hope that many more women and children will have similar testimonies as you lead the effort to defend our nation's laws in this arena.

Sincerely,

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